

What is claimed is:

1. A fastener, comprising
a metal shank having an approximately constant diameter;
a helical threading formed on the shank, wherein the ratio of the thread diameter to the shank diameter is at least 1.5:1; and
a helical, uneven surface formed on the shank.
2. The drywall fastener of claim 1, wherein the helical thread is spaced at intervals of between 0.5 to 1.0 cm.
3. A fastener, comprising:
a head;
a shank having a minor diameter and a tip;
a first helical threading formed on the shank and having a first diameter; and
a second helical threading formed on the shank proximal the head and distal the tip, the second threading having a second diameter that is substantially less than the first diameter.
4. The fastener of claim 3, the shank having an axis and a length extending from the head to a terminal end thereof, wherein the second helical threading extends over less than half of the shank length.
5. The fastener of claim 3, wherein the ratio of the first diameter to the minor diameter is at least 1.5:1 and the threads of the first threading are spaced at intervals of between 0.5 to 1.0 cm.
6. The fastener of claim 5, further comprising a helical, uneven surface extending over at least a portion of the shank.
7. A method of forming a metal fastener, comprising the steps of:

providing a metal shank having a head at a first end;

forming a helical thread and an uneven surface between successive convolutions of the thread by rolling, wherein the ratio of the thread diameter to the shank diameter is at least 1.5:1 and the pitch is between 0.5 and 1.0 cm.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the forming step further includes forming, on the shank, a second thread proximate the head.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the first thread and second thread have respective first and second diameters, wherein the first thread diameter is substantially greater than the second thread diameter.

10. A method for supporting a structure from frangible material using a fastener, comprising the steps of:

providing a self-tapping metal fastener including a head and shank, the shank having a minor diameter and a major diameter, the major diameter defined by a helical threading formed on the shank, wherein the ratio of the major diameter to the minor diameter is at least 1.5:1;

driving the fastener into the frangible material such that the fastener and structure is supported entirely by the frangible material and wherein the frangible material is each of sheet rock and masonry material.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the driving step includes driving the fastener into each of sheet rock, concrete, brick and block material.